**Annotation for the HSE University NIRS Competitions in World Economy, International Affairs and Asian Studies**

***World Economy***

This section accepts works considering theoretical and applied problems regarding the world economy, such as issues relating to international trade, global capital flows, developments on global goods and financial markets, the competitiveness of traded products and services, the international economic activity of firms, integration processes, the activities of international economic organizations, global energy systems, sustainable development, etc. Furthermore, works exploring the various aspects of economic development in foreign countries and overseas regions may be accepted.

***International Affairs***

This section accepts works, which analyze problems in the development and evolution of contemporary theories of international relations, including non-western conceptions of international relations and the challenges of de-Westernization of the theory of international relations; Eurasian integration and the formation of a Greater Eurasia (national and civilizational conceptions of Eurasia and options for their interplay); Russia’s current foreign policy. In addition, the section will accept works, which provide insight into the emergence of new hegemonies in global politics and the problems of their relations with the USA.

***International Regional Studies***

This section accepts works, which look into the aspects and dynamics of the development of such regions as East Asia, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, South Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, the post-Soviet space, as well as the policies of the Russian Federation in the aforementioned regions through the prism of their links with global developmental trends and regional institutions of cooperation. This may include such pressing issues as economic cooperation processes (both regionalization and regionalism), features of security threats and approaches to their regulation, as well as cultural/humanitarian and religious/ethnic aspects in regional development.

***Asian Studies***

This section accepts works, which consider issues related to the philology of Oriental languages, culture and the arts in the classical and contemporary East, as well as history and modernity in the East. In addition, works on contemporary social processes in today’s East, the latest development trends in East Asia, the Middle East and Northern Africa, problems of economic development in contemporary Asia and the emergence of new sectors in the East shall be considered.